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1. EMBASSY TCO PAID CALL TODAY ON GOM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION JOSE RODRIGUEZ TORRES TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING AIR NEGOTIATIONS. RODRIGUEZ TORRES, WHO IS RECOVERING FROM SEVERE COLD AND HAD JUST RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE, SAID THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN MEXICAN POSITION SINCE DECEMBER 1975 NEGOTIATION. MEXDEL HAS NOT YET CONVENED TO DISCUSS UPCOMING SESSIONS AND STRATEGY. HE WILL SUGGEST TO THE MEXDEL THAT, IN THE NEGOTIATION ON THE ONE POINT THAT THE USDEL SELECTS, THE MEXDEL DIVIDE ITS INTERESTS INTO A NUMBER OF SEGMENTS. THIS WILL, HE BELIEVES, ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AGREEMENT, KNOWING THAT THE USDEL WILL NOT TRADE OIN OF ITS POINTS FOR THE ENTIRE MEXICAN PACKAGE.

2. RODRIGUEZ TORRES IS HOPEFUL OF A PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AT THIS SESSION, WHICH COULD BE FOLLOWED "IN SIX MONTHS OR WHENEVER YOU WANT" BY ANOTHER SESSION TO DISCUSS THE OTHER POINTS. THIS WOULD AVOID THE BAD PUBLICITY IN THE PRESS, FOR WHICH HE APOLOGIZED, SAYING THAT HE IS OFTEN MISQUOTED. HE SAID HE HAD HEARD RUMOR THAT USDEL BELIEVED THAT AGREE-
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MENT THIS YEAR WAS IMPOSSIBLE. TCO ASSURED HIM THAT THIS

WAS NOT THE CASE, AND THAT THE USDEL VERY MUCH WANTED A
MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS
NEXT WEEK.
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